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**Triton College**

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**Triton College Offers New Virtual Music Class, “Music in America”**  
*Course Satisfies Fine Arts Requirement*

RIVER GROVE, Ill. – Triton College will be hosting a new virtual music class titled “Music in America” (MUS 104 071), Aug. 22-Dec. 16. The online course is 100 percent asynchronous and is worth three college credit hours.

Salvatore Siriano, Triton’s lead music instructor and the “Music in America” instructor, explained that the course follows American music over time.

“The class explores pre-colonial Native American music, early sacred music, jazz, rock and roll, hip-hop, folk, country and Latin music,” he said. “American music has become internationally recognized and is listened to around the world.”

Siriano added that those enrolled will also learn about music for theater, film and concert music, as well as an appreciation for music’s diverse, cultural roots.

“Music in America” requires no prerequisite classes and satisfies the fine arts requirement students need to graduate. The course is transferable among more than 100 participating colleges and universities in Illinois as an IAI (Illinois Articulation Initiative) course.

Triton’s Music Department wants to give students varied class options that non-music majors would enjoy while also receiving their fine arts credit. “Music in America” was a great choice to expand their online course options.

“I hope students will leave this class with a deeper understanding and appreciation of America’s diverse cultural roots through music,” said Siriano. “I also wish for students to learn how music can affect change in society.”

The other online music course, “Listening to Music” (MUS 110 070), teaches students about classical music.

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Triton College is a two-year college dedicated to helping members of the 25 Western Cook County communities in our district and beyond to achieve educational, professional and personal success. Located in River Grove, IL, Triton offers more than 110 degree and certificate programs on its 110-acre campus, featuring a comfortable, friendly and diverse atmosphere. Triton holds classes at several satellite locations as well and offers online learning opportunities. Triton's dedicated faculty and staff work to provide high quality, convenient and affordable educational opportunities to more than 12,000 students each year. Triton College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. Learn more at [www.triton.edu](http://www.triton.edu).